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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Call for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council is soliciting nominations for the Public Advisory Committee, which advises the Trustee Council on decisions related to the planning, evaluation, funds allocation, and conduct of injury assessment and restoration activities related to the T/V *Exxon Valdez* oil spill of March 1989. Public Advisory Committee members will be selected by the Secretary of the Interior to serve a 24-month term, which will begin on October 1, 2014.

DATES: All nominations must be received on or before the close of business on May 15, 2014.

ADDRESSES: A complete nomination package should be submitted by hard copy to Elise Hsieh, Executive Director, *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council, 4210 University

Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, 99508-4650, or via email at elise.hsieh@alaska.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions should be directed to Cherri Womac, *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council, 4210 University Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, 99508-4650, 907-265-9339 or 800-478-7745; or Pamela Bergmann, Designated Federal Officer, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 C Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501-5126, 907-271-5011.

SUPPLEMENTATY INFORMATION: The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of United States of America v. State of Alaska, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The Public Advisory Committee was created to advise the Trustee Council on matters relating to decisions on injury assessment, restoration activities, or other use of natural resource damage recoveries obtained by the government.

The Trustee Council consists of representatives of the Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, and Alaska Department of Law. Appointment to the Public Advisory Council will be made by the Secretary of the Interior.

The Public Advisory Committee consists of 10 members to reflect balanced representation from each of the following principal interests: aquaculturist/mariculturist, commercial tourism business person, conservationist/environmentalist, recreation user, subsistence user, commercial fisher, public-at-large, native landowner, sport hunter/fisher, and scientist/technologist.

Nominations for membership may be submitted by any source.

Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Public Advisory Committee

and permit the Department of the Interior to contact a potential member.

Individuals who are currently federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils.

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